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SUBJECT: TERRORIST SUSPECTS ARRESTED

1. SUMMARY. RAID ON STUTTGART PRINTSHOP MAY 18 RESULTED IN ARREST OF TWO GERMAN YOUNG WOMEN CHARGED WITH SUPPORTING TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. A THIRD SUSPECT IS STILL AT LARGE. OF TWO INCRIMINATING LETTERS REPORTEDLY FOUND ONE WAS SAID TO BE ADDRESSED TO RED BRIGADE. LOCAL SECURITY OFFICIAL INFORMS US SIGNIFICANCE OF LETTER HAS BEEN EXAGGERATED BY PRESS; NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE HAS THUS FAR COME TO LIGHT INVOLVING GERMAN TERRORISTS WITH ITALIAN TERRORISTS OR IN MORO AFFAIR; AND WHAT LEADS GERMAN OFFICIALS NOW HAVE ON GERMAN TERRORISTS POINT "TO THE WEST" AND NOT SOUTH. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MAY 18 DORIS BRAUNE AND DORIT CHRISTINE BRUECKER, BOTH
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AGED 22, WERE ARRESTED AT THE "FANTASIA" PRINT SHOP IN STUTTGART AFTER POLICE AND OFFICIALS OF THE STATE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OFFICE (LANDESKRIMINALAMT) SEARCHED THE BUILDING UNDER A WARRANT ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL PENAL COURT IN KARLSRUHE. IN CHARGES LEVIED BY THE FEDERAL PENAL COURT THE NEXT DAY, BRAUNE AND BRUECKER WERE ACCUSED OF HAVING DISTRIBUTED "RED ARMY" PROPAGANDA AND OF HAVING BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH TERRORISTS SOUGHT BY THE

AUTHORITIES. A WARRANT WAS ALSO ISSUED FOR THE ARREST OF BIRGIT EVELIN RAUTH, AGE 26, WHO IS STILL AT LARGE. THE PRESS REPORTS THAT THE ARREST WARRANTS WERE BASED ON THE FINDING OF A LETTER FROM RAUTH AND ADDRESSED TO ONE "GILA" (IDENTIFIED AS GISELA POHL, WHO HAS BEEN ON THE FRINGES OF THE TERRORIST MOVEMENT AND IS NOW BELIEVED TO BE LIVING IN PARIS) AND ANOTHER LETTER, SIGNED BY ALL THREE WOMEN, ADDRESSED TO ONE SERGIO SPAZIELLI OF MILAN, CLAIMED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE RED BRIGADE. IN THE LATTER LETTER THE ADDRESS OF THE "FANTASIA" PRINT SHOP WAS GIVEN AS POINT OF CONTACT FOR "ALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT ARRESTED AT THE IVK," I.E., THE FORMER OFFICE OF BAADER-MEINHOF LAWYER KLAUS CROISSANT (NOW ON TRIAL IN STUTTGART).

3. THE "FANTASIA" PRINT SHOP WAS SET UP BY CHRISTOPH WACKERNAGEL, GERMAN TERRORIST NOW IMPRISONED IN THE NETHERLANDS, AND HAS PRINTED LEFT-WING PUBLICATIONS DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE WIFE OF WILLY-PETER STOLL, ONE OF THE "MOST WANTED" TERRORISTS STILL AT LARGE, LIVES IN THE BACK PART OF THE BUILDING WHERE THE PRINT SHOP IS LOCATED.

4. BRAUNE AND BRUECKER ARE NOW IN PRE-TRIAL CONFINEMENT IN PRISONS AT AICHACH AND KOBLENZ RESPECTIVELY. WE INQUIRED OF AN OFFICIAL OF THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG JUSTICE MINISTRY WHY BRAUNE AND BRUECKER WERE CONFINED NOT ONLY OUTSIDE STUTTGART BUT OUTSIDE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE ARRESTED IN STUTTGART. THIS OFFICIAL CLAIMED NOT TO BE PRIVY TO THE DECISION ON PLACE
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OF IMPRISONMENT, THOUGH HE OPINED THAT IT STEMMED FROM AN AGREEMENT REACHED AMONG JUSTICE MINISTER OF THE VARIOUS LAENDER A FEW MONTHS AGO TO THE EFFECT THAT TERRORIST PRISONERS WOULD NOT BE CONCENTRATED IN ANY ONE LAND BUT WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE PRISONS OF THE VARIOUS LAENDER.

5. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN MUCH SPECULATION IN THE PRESS OVER POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN GERMAN TERRORISTS AND THE RED BRIGADE, SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO THE MORO KIDNAPPING. THE NEAR SIMULTANEOUS RAIDS BY POLICE ON PRINT SHOPS IN STUTTGART AND ROME LINKED TO TERRORIST MOVEMENTS, AND THE REPORTED FINDING IN STUTTGART OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GERMAN MOVEMENT TO A SUSPECTED MEMBER OF THE RED BRIGADE, OUGHT NORMALLY TO FAN SUCH SPECULATION EVEN MORE. HOWEVER, IT MAY BE UNJUSTIFIED. A WELL-PLACED SECURITY OFFICIAL IN STUTTGART INFORMS US THAT THE PRESS HAS GREATLY EXAGGERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LETTER SUPPOSEDLY ADDRESSED TO THE RED BRIGADE: HE SAID GERMAN AUTHORITIES ATTACH VERY LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE TO IT. WHILE ADMITTING THERE WAS SOME SIMILARITY IN METHODS USED BY GERMAN AND ITALIAN TERRORISTS, THIS OFFICIAL SAID THAT GERMAN AUTHORITIES HAD THUS FAR TURNED UP NO EVIDENCE INDICATING THAT ANY GERMAN TERRORISTS HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE MORO AFFAIR. THIS OFFICIAL SAID THAT ON THE CONTRARY WHAT

LEADS FRG AUTHORITIES DO HAVE RELATING TO THE GERMAN TERRORIST
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